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FOR BERGLAND PARTY

FOLLOWING REPEAT NOUAKCHOTT 01371 ACTION SECSTATE INFO MANILA
DATED JUN 15:

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TAGS: OVIP, OCON, UNWFC

SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

MANILA FOR USDEL

REF: NOUAKCHOTT 1329

1. MAURITANIAN GOVERNMENT HAS NAMED AMBASSADOR AHMED OULD MENNEYA,
DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS, AS CHIEF OF MAURITJ AN DELEGATION TO WORLD FOOD COUNCIL
MEETING. SECOND MEMBER OF DELEGATION WILL BE KHALLIFA OULD HASSAN,
OFFICER IN CHARGE OF TECHNICAL AND CULTURAL COOPERATION IN
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

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2. ALTHOUGH ONLY IN HIS LATE 30S, AMBASSADOR MENNEYA IS ONE OF
MAURITANIA'S MOST EXPERIENCED DIPLOMATS. AFTER EARNING LAW
DEGREE IN FRANCE, AMBASSADOR MENNEYA JOINED MAURITANIAN
DIPLOMATIC SERVICE IN 1964, AND SERVED IN FRANCE AND SENEGAL
BEFORE BEING APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO USSR IN 1967. HIS
SUBSEQUENT AMBASSADORIAL ASSIGNMENTS HAVZBQEN FRANCE AND OTHER
WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES (1970-1977); EGYPT AND SEVERAL MIDDLE

EASTERN COUNTRIES (1973-1975); AND PEKING, PAKISTAN AND
IETNAM (1975-1976). SINCE AUGUST HE HAS BEEN DIRECTOR
OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN CHARGE OF FOREIGN MINISTRY
DEPARTMENT, DECONMIC AFFAIRS.

3. AMBASSADOR IS SOFT-SPOKEN; HIS ELEGANTLY TAILORED WESTERN
STYLE OF
IS INDICATIVE OF A MJYRITANIAN COMFORTABLE WITH
WESTERN WAYS. HE HAILS FROM PRESIDENTS HOME TOWN OF
BOUTLIMIT. MENNEYA WHILE ALWAYS WARM AND PERSONABLE, HAS
FAILED TO IMPRESS EMBASSY OFFICERS WITH HIS COMPETENCE OR
GRASP OF ISSUES. WE WOULD FRANKLY BE SURPRISED IF HE SHOWS
ANY IN-DEPTH UNDERSTANDING OF EITHER MAURITANIAN OR WORLD
FOOD PROBLEMS. HIS DELEGATION COLLEAGUE KHALLIFA OULD HASSAN,
IS A SECOND CSR DIPLOMATIC OFFICER WHO IS BRIGHT AND
FRIENDLY, BUT WITHOUT ANY SPECIAL BACKGROUND ON FOOD ISSUES.

4. AMBASSADOR MENNEYA DEPARTED NOUAKCHOTT ON JUNE 11 FOR UNDP
CONFERENCE IN GENEVA AND WILL PROCEED DIRECTLY
THEREAFTER TO MANILA. ALTHOUGH HE PRSUMABLY RECEIVED SECRE-
TARY BERGLANDS LETTER WHICH WE SENT TO FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR
CHIEF OF DELEGATION, WE ARE UNCERTAIN ABOUT DEPTH OF HIS
BRIEFING ON ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED IN MANILA. HANDYSIDE UNQTE
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